

June 2022



Bethlehem
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Building Hours:

Monday – Thursday, 9am to 2:30pm

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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.”



“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden.” – Matthew 5:14



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

We are living in a time of great hope and great challenge. Natural disasters are becoming more frequent and more intense. So are a category of violence almost unheard-of just a generation ago: mass shootings. The war in Ukraine stretches our resolve and reminds us of our freedom. We love Jesus, but it often seems that we love our things, and our false gods (mis/information, technology and weapons) even more.

Yet because of the heroic efforts of everyday people, like health care workers and scientists all over the world, we have emerged (hopefully) from the worst of a global pandemic with effective vaccines, helpful practices and precautions, and the ability to finally see loved ones face to face and share the holy space of community once more.

When I reflect on the past two-plus years, the word that keeps coming up is “transition” – but “from what and to what?” is often the next thought. If you are like me, you try to spend time thinking of goals and a sense of vision to shepherd us through the answers to such questions. Focusing on vision and goals are worthy endeavors indeed. Yet an article I read recently reminds us that what’s more important than metrics in times of transition and challenge is a simple word: faith. Living with a faithful sense of generosity and love will likely surpass any “legacy” of achievement or goals we may have. The Bible tells us very little about goals and a lot about living faithfully to the gospel.

Please join us this summer as we look to faithfully live into and stretch our sense of welcome and wonder. Efforts like the “Refresh” initiative call upon us to approach change as a process instead of a goal, and pivots we can make (like beefing up our food pantry kiosk, for example) may give us the chances to explore our faith and generosity more and more each day. In the face of challenge, let us choose hope...in faith...as gifts from God and a blessing to others.

In peace,
Pastor Paul

A Word from the President...

As I write this a tornado just went through the west side of Gaylord. Kathy and I just closed on the sale of our home there the day before. We are moving to our other home in the U.P. Our old neighborhood was safe but the tornado started about a half mile from the work I just retired from and ended close to Kathy’s work. Keep the people of Gaylord in your prayers during this long period of recovery.

I am finishing my term on Church Council and as President. It has been an honor and pleasure to serve this congregation. We are blessed with a hard-working council and a harder working Pastor. On top of this the added impact of the pandemic. I look forward to continuing to support the process of a sabbatical for Pastor Paul in 2023. Even though Kathy and I are moving a little farther away Bethlehem is still in our hearts (and membership).

Mark McPherson

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Traverse City Michigan

"We journey with God to serve with love"

MINUTES TO CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING: April 19, 2022

CALL TO ORDER: Mark McPherson, President called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

OPENING PRAYER: Scott Farley read from "Prayers for Peace on Earth".

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: Barbara Oster, Worship Volunteer Coordinator discussed concerns for enough volunteers should we decide to have 2 services on Sundays as it is difficult to find enough volunteers for 1 service. She presented the list of all volunteer positions needed for each service.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Cindy Monroe made a motion to approve the agenda with additions, Scott Farley seconded the motion and the agenda was approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM March 15, 2022: Cindy Monroe made the motion to approve the minutes with corrections, Leonard Graf seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

REPORTS:

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Mark McPherson reported he saw a documentary on the "Great Resignation" and approximately 40% of pastors and clergy are leaving the ministry. This is a good reason to be working on a Sabbatical for Pastor Paul. He would like to thank all those who have been working on the Sabbatical plan. We have been blessed to have a Pastor with so much IT knowledge to get us through COVID. Pastor Paul added he has heard from people he had attended Seminary with who have left the ministry. He also stated his 3 week Renewal last summer saved him and he is Thankful for that time.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor Paul reports it has been a different month with health issue, between his back and teeth. There have also been several birthdays and anniversaries in his family. He would like to thank everyone who gave their feedback to the Sabbatical Information Forum. He would like to thank the donors for the air purifiers with hepa filters in the sanctuary. Pastor will be attending the Synod Assembly on May 14th through Zoom. The new sound board will be installed on Thursday. There should not be any cost from the budget as funds came from Sustaining Endowment Memorial Funds, Asset Replacement funds and donors. There will be less cost for the system as there will not be as much paid out for renting the current sound board. There are new mics that will not pick up chatter. He wishes to thank the donors who have supported the purchase of the new sound board.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Leonard Graff reports March expenses were over budget by \$2972. This is due to heat and electricity costs have been up. Temperature Control came in and solved the problem with the thermostat. We may need to look at a new Thermostat. The Finance Committee suggested sending out giving statements quarterly.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT: Jim Monroe states income is looking better than January and February. Some people prefer to give quarterly or bi-annually.

COVID update: Jim reports the numbers may be going up with a new variant, however changes have been made, no masks on transportation such as planes and trains.

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 is trying to condense the Star to keep postage down.; 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. **Sunday School/Services Ad Hoc Committee update:** Christian Ed is planning a picnic on June 5th with hotdogs, cake, etc.
- B. **Refresh Committee Update:** This committee needs to set a date to meet.
- C. **Sabbatical Committee Update:** The Sabbatical team met with a couple of other people to go over the application tonight with just a few minor changes to be made, Pastor Paul and Gail Goldsmith will be meeting on Friday to finish putting the Lilly Endowment Fund application together and send it out by email.
- D. **Sound System update:** The new sound board will be in place as of Thursday. See Pastor Paul's report.
- E. **Security Plan-Building locks update, cameras:** The new keys will be handed out starting Thursday by Rebecca and Leonard, but the locks will not be changed yet. The security plan and cameras will need a plan as they will take money and time.
- F. **Nominating Committee:** Mark McPherson has created a referral form that a person can complete or they can nominate someone to be on the Council. These forms should be in by May 22, 2022, there is a box in the Narthex to put the referrals.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. **Appoint Synod Assembly Delegate (2):** Leonard Graf made the motion to have Phil Anderson, Cindy Monroe and Pastor Paul Busekist be the delegates to the Synod Assembly. Maureen Bauer seconded the motion and the motion carried.
- B. **Non ELCA Benevolence Donation approval:** Paul Wiemerslage made the motion to donate the Non ELCA Benevolence funds to the Northwest Michigan Supportive Housing. Cindy Monroe seconded the motion and the motion carried.
- C. **Representatives to sign checks for the Mission Investment Account:** Paul Wiemerslage made the motion to have Maureen Bauer and Leonard Graf to be signers on the Mission Investment checking account. Denice Bossardet seconded the motion, the motion carried.
- D. **Church member leaving:** Cindy Monroe made the motion to approve Jonathan Waters request to leave membership at BLC. Leonard Graf seconded the motion, the motion carried.
- E. **New Hire for IT interim position:** Maureen Bauer made the motion to approve Trent Slabaugh as Interim Technology Director for BLC starting April 16, 2022. Trent will stay until a permanent replacement is found or if he cannot complete his duties of the position. Leonard Graf seconded the motion, the motion carried.

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

LORD'S PRAYER: said by all

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail Goldsmith,

Council Secretary

Please note that beginning with the July STAR, the Council minutes will not be included in the STAR. You will be able to access the minutes from the BLC website. Instructions will be in the next STAR. Or, you may call the office to request a copy.

New Church Keys

The church council has authorized the rekeying of all locks in the church building. The locks have now been changed. 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.

Children's Message Corner

Children's Message Corner on Zoom takes place every other Sunday on Zoom at 2:45PM and all are invited. We take 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. The dates for June are June 12th and June 26th. 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.

We are happy to announce that we have finalized our VBS dates for this summer!

Join us on a fun faithful adventure with Jerusalem: Marketplace! We will join Jesus' faithful friends and followers during His final days on earth. You'll travel back into Bible times-- without setting foot outside your community! VBS this year will be Monday, July 25th - Wednesday July 27th 8:30AM - 1:00PM! We hope to have the VBS Registration Website up sometime next week. You can also still sign up as a volunteer as well! We are still in need of:

- A Village Playground Leader (games)
- At least 2 Tribe Leaders (small group leaders)
- At least 1 Tribe Leader Assistant (small group support, great for older youth!)
- Set Up/Tear Down Crew (day before and end of VBS)
- Decoration Coordinators (day before and end of VBS)

We will also still take Marketplace Shopkeepers if you are interested in one of those roles! Sign up sheets are still in the Narthex, or you can sign up online! Reach out to Annie for more information.

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. This is a year-long project. Thank you for your participation!

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.

ABRIDGED WITH ANNIE: A SUMMARY OF YOUTH EVENTS FOR JUNE/JULY...

It's summer, Bethlehem! I'm sure you are noticing that my STAR Article looks a little different than normal...maybe a little smaller perhaps? We are trying a new format to save on paper. As a result, my articles will be more of a summary format for the upcoming two months. If you have any questions or need more details on these events, please reach out to me!

JUNE/JULY HAPPENINGS ...



Sunday, June 5th	Mission Trip Informational Meeting in the Youth Room at 11AM
Sunday, June 19th to Friday, June 24th	Youth at Stony Lake Camp
Saturday July, 2nd Sunday July 3rd Monday, July 4th	Youth Parking Lot Fundraiser More information on the way!
Monday, July 18th to Saturday, July 23rd	Local Mission Trip with Freedom Builders ALL are welcome! <u>See Annie for info!</u>
Monday, July 25th to Wednesday, July 27th	VBS: Jerusalem Marketplace Register your kids NOW at myvbs.org/blcvbs2022

Be sure to mark your calendars for all these fun events!
Reach out to me annie.slabaugh@bethlehemtc.org for more information!

Cheerfully in Christ,

Annie Slabaugh

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

Christian Education News June 2022

	<p>Plan to join us Monday through Wednesday July 25th – July 27th 8:30am – 1:00pm</p>
<p>Happy Father's Day!</p> <p>-Christian Education Committee</p>	<p>AS A FATHER HAS COMPASSION ON HIS CHILDREN, SO THE LORD HAS COMPASSION ON THOSE WHO FEAR HIM. PSALM 103:13</p>

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: Tuesday of the week sent to admin@bethlehemtc.org (Bulletin/Worship Folder is prepared on Wednesday and 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)

Disciples

We're all familiar with Jesus calling the disciples. Local guys. Fishermen. An interesting lot. These were not trained speakers or teachers.

Now, think about this assemblage of fishermen, a tax collector, maybe a woodworker or stone mason- we just aren't sure- as they traveled throughout Galilee and beyond with a teacher that they were drawn to, but did not always fully comprehend. Certainly, one of the group must have been a bit of a scrounger- who could always find them a meal and a place of shelter. There had to be a handyman in the group, a storyteller, a prankster... Oh, the conversations they must have had! Think about those moments when they talked amongst themselves. They were called because there was a messenger and a message to be shared...with all. Much like the believers in any small congregation today, they reached out, encouraged those along the way to listen and learn, and marveled along with them at both the "good news"- and the challenges within. Their names were Peter, Luke, and Matthew, but could have been Carl, Norm, and Chuck. And Jan, Nancy, and Barbara to be sure.

While we are not physically traveling with Jesus, we are with him in a similar way. It's not Galilee, it's northern Michigan. There are still locals who need to hear the message, who need to accept the gift, who need to experience the caring that Christ promised. Guided by the Christ still, we need to put words into action. We all need to take time to sit and ponder his unimaginable gift. Our ongoing questions may be many and sometimes unanswerable, but the great message of salvation is clear.

We wander periodically, but see and feel his guidance and promise in our lives. Yes, whether we are in the desert of disease, a deep depression of loneliness, or a crisis of confidence, Christ is with us today. With a warm embrace and a caring assurance and his disciples surrounding us and reflecting his love to us with a word of encouragement, a meal prepared for us, and a prayer to sustain us.

We hear "we're in this together" often these days. COVID has accentuated that, but it has always been the case. We are traveling a sacred path...and we have the saving promise of the Christ.

Make ready the way.
This is most certainly true.

Church Council Elections We are going to be having our Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday June 12th after the church service. Please be sure to attend.

FINANCIAL NEWS

April income was \$38,658 compared to budgeted income of \$31,397 or an overage of \$7,261. Expenses were \$28,491 compared to budget of \$30,398 resulting in spending \$1,907 less than budgeted. On a cash basis income exceeded expenses by \$10,166. Through April income was \$116,477 compared to budgeted income of \$121,012 for a shortfall of \$4,535. Expenses were \$126,243 compared to budget of \$121,269 resulted in spending \$4,973 more than budgeted. On a cash basis, expenses have exceeded income by \$9,766.

Book Club:

After two highly emotional books the book club will relax a little with its June selection, The Recipe Box by Viola Shipman. This book has ties to Michigan with its main character, Sam leaving her family's orchard and pie shop to be a star chef in New York, and then returning to northern Michigan. There are even recipes in the book! Books are in the box outside church. The Zoom meeting will be Tues, June 28 at 5:30. If you are not on the list send your email to cmonroe@chartermi.net.

The two Wednesday Bible studies are taking the summer off and, hopefully, will start up again in September. Information on the topics will be published at the end of the summer. For the study that meets in BLC, please contact Barbara Graf for any information. For the Zoom study, please contact Pr Paul for any information.

Bethlehem's 24/7 outdoor food pantry has reopened!! And thanks to our friends at Thrivent Financial we have some extra incentives to encourage you to remember to pick up some extra staples when you are at the store. Take along one of the cloth Thrivent bags and find some items you would like to share with the pantry. Return the food to the table in the narthex and the bag will be emptied so someone else can use it. Feel free to pick up a free shirt, pen, or note pad to use yourself or to pass on to someone who would like one. First come-first served so please join in the fun of "Jumping into June"!

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.

New Idea for Some New Trees!

Recently the Bethlehem Mission Endowment Fund bought 5 trees for \$500.00 that we planted at the Old Sabin Dam site near the end of Cass Rd.

The trees are about 75 feet from the river and on a bank that is not that steep and they are near the parking lot. They can be seen from the parking lot so they will easy to find. They need to be watered once a week for this summer to get them established and then they will be on their own. They will survive and be a blessing to many, both human and non-human.

IDEA: What if we have 5 people sign up to ADOPT A BLC TREE?

We can call it, "The 5 BUCKET GROUP" Each will get a bucket and they can water their tree any time, either with others or alone. A full 5 gallon bucket of water weighs 42 pounds, so this project is not for everyone.

I (Norm Fred) will volunteer to be the first of the group and I will assist the other volunteers to make sure they know which is going to be their tree. We can also carpool if we get some interest in this idea.

Please contact Norm Fred if you are interested. You can call the office for his contact information.

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Sunday Coffee and Conversation: Interior Renovations for the Future: Chuck Ardingo and the Refresh sub-committee invite you to join us for coffee in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, June 5th, immediately following the service for a conversation about refreshing and updating the functionality and appearance of our church spaces. Please consider stopping in and meeting with us to share your perspective and thoughts. What would you like to see? How could our spaces be made more useful, impactful, and attractive? We want to hear from you!

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This summer, we will be participating in a weeklong serving opportunity from July 18th - July 23rd with Freedom Builder's Missions Week and all of Bethlehem is invited! Freedom Builders understands that most people can only serve 1-2 days tops or possibly even only a partial day is perfectly fine. They also understand that not all want to be involved with construction so they have quite a few opportunities for those who wish to serve, but be sure to let Annie know which days you are hoping to attend and if you are looking to serve in a specific capacity. There will be an informational meeting on Sunday June 5th right after church in the youth room and all who are interested in serving are invited. Reach out to Annie at annie.slabaugh@bethlehemtc.org if you have any other questions!



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ELCA GLOBAL LINKS

Stay informed. Be inspired. Get involved.

Stories of Service and Justice

The **Rev. Rafael Malpica Padilla**, executive director for **ELCA Service and Justice**, opened the 2022 spring-summer edition of "Service and Justice Updates" by comparing followers of Jesus to the 3,000-year-old sequoias in Redwood National Park. "Grounded in God's love," he says, "we 'become Christ to one another,' as Luther wrote, forming an intricate and interconnected ecosystem to support and nourish one another. Like the sequoia we grow tall and strong. Together we grow into the full stature of Christ."

The ELCA walks alongside global companions, growing and strengthening our global community of faith.

The photo above was taken in Zimbabwe, where the **ELCA Africa Gender Justice Team** participated in 16 days of activities under the **United Nations theme** "Orange the World: End Violence Against Women Now!" The event was hosted by youth and young adult groups of the **Evangelical Lutheran Church in Zimbabwe (ELCZ)** and the **Evangelical Lutheran Church in Namibia (ELCIN)**. The hosts expected a low turnout due to the COVID-19 pandemic, yet 120 people participated in person, including the ELCZ's presiding bishop.

WOMEN OF BETHLEHEM - June 2022



WOMEN'S FUN DAY: June 21st - 1PM - Lehto's home - 15793 Smokey Hollow Road

Meet at church by 12:30 to car pool

Potluck meal - meat and beverages provided

Several lawn games - a couple of table games

JOIN US!



LAUNDRY BASKET PROJECT UPDATE: Just a reminder that this is a year-long project.

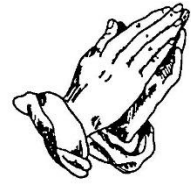
We would appreciate it if you would consider donating so we can keep this going throughout the summer and fall. Pick up a list of items desired but you can also add items you feel might be needed. Thank you so much for your continued help.



GATHER BIBLE STUDY FOR JUNE: "A Summer of Rest and Renewal" - How can creative processes guide the patterns of our lives?

If interested in joining us, contact Nancy Ammann 946-8433

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, Betty Rutila,
Denoyer Family, Chuck Wolterink*

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.

Prayer Requests:

- Prayer Chain:** Please contact Jan Stretlien at jstretlien@gmail.com or 231-947-3265
- Prayers read from the altar:** Please call Rebecca in the church office 231-947-9880

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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BLC MISSION ENDOWMENT FUND

We're Making A Difference!

During 2021, the BLC Mission Endowment Fund Committee has worked hard to follow its mission of funding projects on a local and global level. Using only profits on our investments, more than \$18,000 was disbursed to many organizations in support of our mission, including:

Love Thy Neighbor	Keys to Freedom
Safe Harbor	Habitat for Humanity
Lutheran Immigrant & Refugee Services	Generations Ahead
ELCA World Hunger	Food Rescue of NW Michigan
ELCA Disaster Relief	Womens Resource Center
Meals on Wheels	Salvation Army
Father Fred Foundation	GT Conservation District
Boardman River Clean Sweep	Freedom Builders
NW Michigan Supportive Housing	

In comparison, 5 years ago we granted out about \$6000. Our Vanguard funds are serving us well and continue to grow! PLEASE consider recognizing the **BLC Mission Endowment Fund** in your personal **Estate Plans or Year-End Giving!**

If you would like to serve on this incredible committee, or have further questions about giving, please contact any of the current members:

Jim Hutchison	Norm Fred	Barb Wright	Patti Friedli	Chuck Ardingo
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