

Sunday Offerings

Nursery

Our nursery is open for use by little ones *and their parents* on Saturday evenings and Sunday mornings. It is **staffed** on Sunday mornings and best used for little ones up to age 4.

Pre-School & Elementary Sunday School

Pre-K through 6th grade meets every week from 9:45am-10:45am. All ages gather in the chapel in the Fellowship Hall for singing at 9:45am and then break into age appropriate groups for fun, snacks and learning. If you have any questions, please contact Meghan Denton at (231) 590-1007 or meghan.denton@bethlehemtc.org

Topics for "Grown-ups"*

We encourage our adult members to stick around between/after services to engage in meaningful conversation in the Fellowship Hall. We will occasionally bring in guest speakers to present and/or discuss topics.

*Older youth and young adults are encouraged to participate as well.

For more information or to volunteer, please contact Pr. Paul or Alexis.



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'Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Traverse City'

Our page is updated regularly with upcoming events and encouraging Scripture!

Small Groups

BLC has a variety of small groups. Groups consist of no more than 10-12 people & meet monthly. Some focus on a new study every year, some are more specifically focused on a topic of choice or a certain age group. New Small Groups can form at any time throughout the year. Contact office staff (or members listed below) to get connected!

Food for Thought Meets at BLC on the second Friday of the month 6pm – 8pm. Adults in their early 20's-late 30's are invited to join this small group as we meet monthly to eat together and talk about our faith as it relates to pop-culture, music, poetry, food, art & Scripture. Children are welcome to attend with their parents. (Tina Dohm 231-218-1915, Matt Branch 231-631-0073)

Apprenticeship Series Meets at BLC on Mondays from 6:15pm – 8:15pm for a 3 part series using the books *The Good & Beautiful God*, *The Good & Beautiful Life*, & *The Good & Beautiful Community*. Open to all ages 17+. For more information contact Alexis or Pastor Paul at (231)-947-9880. A new group forms January 2018!

NEW! THEO Young Adult Group Meets the first Sunday of each month from 7pm-8pm. College students and young adults (age 18-25) are welcome to join us as we dive into deeper, more complex issues that are facing us today. We aim to provide an open and accepting environment where people from different backgrounds & denominations can fellowship and enjoy community discussion. Contact Alexis for more info.

Other regular small groups are listed by the leader's name and information:

- Lehto Small Group:** Contact Suzanne Lehto (231) 223-7187
- Monroe Small Group:** Contact Cindy Monroe (231) 941-0788
- Hughes Small Group:** Contact Corey Hughes (231) 649-4222
- Oster Small Group:** Contact Barbara Oster (231) 668-7038
- Christensen Small Group:** Contact BJ Christensen (231) 835-0900
- Branch/Nemeth Small Group:** Contact Matt Branch (231) 631-0073

For more small group information, please contact Alexis at the church office.

Other Small Group Activities:

Annual BLC September Camping Trip, Safe Harbor Volunteering and a new hiking ministry with Pr. Paul!



Get Connected with Us!



Faith Formation for All Ages

January 2018 - December 2018

"Growing Faith for Life"

Programs for all of Bethlehem

Sat. 5pm: Celebrate! Worship •

Sun. 8:45am: Traditional Worship

Sun. 9:45am-10:45am: Christian Education Hour

Sun. 11am: Modern Worship

Office Hours: Monday – Thursday 9am – 3pm

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Worship

Celebrate! Worship

Join us on **Saturday evenings at 5:00pm** for a relaxed liturgy and upbeat worship service! This service focuses on singing and Scripture and includes Communion each week. Music is typically led by guitar, piano, and other instruments. Worship style is usually contemporary but varies on the 4th Saturday of the month, with a more contemplative Holden Evening Prayer or Taize worship. The 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month include pre-worship jam-sessions with the *Celebrate!* band (15 min. before service.)

Traditional Worship

Join us on **Sunday mornings at 8:45am** for a lively yet traditional Lutheran service. Our Traditional worship features mostly organ music; the choir often participate with more traditional songs and hymns; portions of the liturgy are sung or chanted; Communion is received at the altar; and leading ministers wear traditional worship attire.

Modern Worship

Join us on **Sunday mornings at 11am** for a modern style Lutheran service. The Modern service is a structured service that allows for freedom and flexibility in the ways worship is shaped, while focusing on what we hold in common with our tradition. Musical style and instrumentation vary between organ, piano and other contemporary pieces.

Jubilee Services

Join us on the **5th Sunday of a month** (occurring roughly four times/year) for a “one-service weekend” at 10am followed by 11:30am potluck meal. (No worship is held the Saturday prior.) This service gives us the opportunity to get to know our “Bethlehem Church family” better, while at the same time welcoming visitors from the community as the whole church. The worship style of this service varies.

Worship Teams (All Services)

Altar Guild: Prepares the altar for worship and Communion

Assisting Ministers: Assists the pastor during the worship service and helps serve Communion.

A/V Team: Sits in the balcony & manages the weekly “Screenouncements” and worship power point presentations (Sat. 5pm/Sun 11am). Also operates sound system for music/worship teams

Lector: Reads the Scripture lessons at worship services.

Hospitality: Greets people at the door and hands out bulletins.

Parish Choir: Sings at different services each month. Rehearsal Weekly.

Hand Bell Choir: Plays approximately once per month in a Traditional and Modern service. Rehearsals Weekly.

Worship Team: Leads music once a month at the *Celebrate!* and Modern services. Rehearsals Weekly.

Steel Pan Drums: Plays at various services. Rehearsals Weekly.

Contact the office for further information (231 -947-9880)

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Get Involved at BLC

WELCA Circles (Women of the ELCA)

The WELCA study is taken from the Gather magazine.

Sarah Circle: Meets at BLC, 12pm, 2nd Tuesdays.

Contact Sally Ton (231) 421-9677

Ruth Circle: Meeting location rotates, call for info, 7:00pm, 2nd Tuesdays. Contact Joy Johnson (231) 357-8144.

Rebecca-Anne Circle: Meets at BLC, 1pm, 2nd Thursdays. Contact Ann Rundhaug (231) 938-1607

Landscape Committee

This group meets every Monday morning from 9am-11am during the Spring, Summer, and Fall seasons. Contact Carl Lehto (231-223-7189) for more information.

Tuesday Workgroup

This group meets every Tuesday morning from 9am-noon and takes care of the church property, both indoors and outdoors. Contact Carl Lehto (231-223-7187) for more information

Sew Pieceful Quilters

This group meets the 2nd, 4th, and 5th Monday evenings from 6-9pm. This group creates quilted pieces for both our church as well as some personal items. Contact Suzanne Lehto at (231) 223-7187 for more information.

Tuesday Morning Sewing/Knitting/Quilting Group

This group meets each week from 9am-11am and makes quilts for Lutheran World Relief and hygiene items for Lutheran Social Services of Michigan. The group also knits prayer shawls for those in need of care and prayer. Contact Sandra Osgood (231-938-5938) for more information.

The Green Team*

Join the Green Team for a variety of earth keeping projects like river clean-ups throughout the year. Contact Norm Fred (231-947-2852) for more information.

*Not an ‘official’ group, a crew of recreational, earth-friendly individuals. ☺

Safe Harbor

Volunteer with BLC to help serve Safe Harbor at their new location! There are also plenty of opportunities to donate items and get involved with this growing program. For more info contact Jim Hutchison at (231) 668-1916, or the church office.

Safe Harbor has its own, **NEW Location:** 517 Wellington St, Traverse City, MI 49686



Mid-Week Fellowship

Senior High Youth

High School students (9th-12th grade) are invited to join us every **1st Wednesday evening of the month, from 5:30pm - 7:30pm** for a wide array of activities (movies, service projects, outings, Bible study, etc.). Follow our Facebook page for updates. We have a lot of fun together and would love for you to join us!

Confirmation (Middle School Youth)

Students from 7th-9th grade are invited to take part in our Confirmation class—a Lutheran tradition! Classes go from September – May and meeting location varies. We are currently partnering with Feast of Victory Lutheran Church in Acme, and we have a lot of fun with our combined groups! For more info, please contact Alexis (alexis.steig@bethlehemtc.org) or Pastor Paul (paul.busekist@bethlehemtc.org).

B.L.U.E.S Nights (Bethlehem LUTheran Elementary Student Nights)

3rd – 6th grade youth gather at BLC & in the community for food, a brief devotion, & fun activities up to 6 times per school year on the 4th Friday of each month (unless specified otherwise). Contact Alexis or Meghan for location & dates planned.

Verse O.N.T.A.P. (“Old & New Testament Appendix Project”)

All ages are invited for good fun, good beer (or wine & soft drinks), good conversation, and good music! We meet at local bars and restaurants to discuss our faith and connections to scripture as they relate to the words of popular musicians. *Verse* is hosted by BLC’s *Celebrate!* Band and TC Presby’s *Nexus* band on an alternating basis. Call the office for dates or check our Facebook Page!

Advent and Lent Evenings

Join us on Wednesdays in **Advent** and **Lent** for an-all ages evening of food, fellowship and worship. Dinner is provided at 5:30pm, programming begins at 6:00pm and we wrap up the evening with a brief worship service at 7pm.

XYZ

X-tra Years with Zest meets monthly for a meal and a program at BLC. Join us on the **3rd Friday of the month from 12:00-1:30pm** for good food, laughter & fellowship! This gathering is predominately geared toward the seniors in our congregation.

Youth Events Contact Information

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