

Mid-Week Fellowship

The Edge

High School students (9th-12th grade) are invited to join us every **Wednesday evening from 5:30-7:30pm** for dinner, fun, movies, games, special events, service projects, Bible study and discussion about our faith. We have a lot of fun together and would love for you to join us!

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 as it relates to the words of popular musicians. Join us on **Tuesdays September 30 and November 25**.

Advent and Lent Evenings

Join us on Wednesdays in **Advent (December 3, 10, 17)** and **Lent (Feb 25, March 4, 11, 18, 25)** for an all-ages evening of food, fellowship and worship. Dinner is provided at 6pm. Programming for all ages begins at 6:45. The evening ends with worship at 7:30pm.

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EXtra 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!

Weekly Noon Bible Study

Join Pastor Paul and adults of all ages every **Wednesday at noon** in the BLC Gathering Space as we take a deeper look at Scripture. Feel free to bring a sack lunch! Next up: "Questions for Jesus, Questions for Us: Studies in Mark".

Third Wednesday Intergenerational Nights (TWINS)

Join us on Wednesdays September 24, October 15, November 19, December 17, January 21, Feb 18, March 18, April 15, and May 20 for an evening of fun and fellowship. The meal will be provided (we ask for a suggested donation of \$5/person with a \$15 family max) and there will be activities for all ages. The evening will conclude with worship. We invite you to join us for these fun evenings together!

Book Discussion Group

Join the Book Discussion Group and Supper Club, which meets 4th Tues of the month from 5-7pm at BLC. Contact Ellie Long at (231) 935-4595

Bridge Group

Join the Bridge Club on the 2nd Friday of each month from 7-8pm. Contact Barb Graf at (231) 946-5120



Sunday Offerings

Nursery

Our nursery is **staffed** by BLC volunteers during the 11:00am service for little ones up to age 4. It is also open (but not staffed) for use by little ones *and their parents* on Saturday evenings and Sunday mornings during the 8:45am service and 9:45am education hour.

Pre-School & Elementary

Sunday School meets every week from 9:45-10:45am! All ages gather in the Sanctuary for singing at 9:45 and then break into age appropriate groups for fun, snacks and learning. If you have any questions, please contact Jodi Kelly, (231) 313-6346.

Confirmation

6th-8th graders are invited to take part in our Confirmation Class from 9:45-10:45am! This year our focus will be on Lutheran Doctrine, History and Theology. We use videos, games, songs, and skits, to help learn about our faith. For more information or questions, please contact Melissa Lopez at (231) 947-9880.

High School Youth

"90 Below", for 9-12th graders meets on Sunday mornings from 9:45-10:45 in the Youth Room. The idea of "90 Below" comes from the fact that 90% of an iceberg is unseen, as it plunges the depths of the water. We seek to grow as disciples and deepen our faith as we plunge into Scripture and talk about how God speaks to us.

Adults

Join Pastor Paul and other volunteer teachers for the Adult Education Forum in the Fellowship Hall during the 9:45am education hour every Sunday. The studies will include:

- "For the Life of the World: Letters to the Exiles" is an invitation to explore the scandalous and beautiful story of God's plan for the whole world.
- "Animate: Practices" is an introduction to the practices of the Christian faith, their importance, & how we can take part in them today. Topics include prayer, worship, money, & service.
- "Our Great Exchange" helps us discover our purpose as God's steward for our world.



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Faith Formation for all Ages

Saturday 5pm: Celebrate! Worship • Sunday 8:45am: Traditional Worship
Sunday 11am: Modern Worship

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Worship

Celebrate! Worship

Join us on **Saturday evenings at 5:00pm** for a relaxed and upbeat worship service! This service focuses on singing and Scripture and includes Communion each week. Music will typically be led by guitar, piano, and other instruments. Worship style will also vary, using Holden Evening Prayer and Taize services approximately once a month.

Traditional Worship

Join us on **Sunday mornings at 8:45am** for a traditional Lutheran service. For the Traditional service, you will hear mostly organ music instead of piano; the choir will participate in this service with more traditional songs; the Kyrie, Great Thanksgiving (and Psalms occasionally) will usually be chanted; congregants will typically receive Communion at the altar railing; and Pastor Paul will wear a robe and often preach from the pulpit.

Modern Worship

Join us on **Sunday mornings at 11am** for a modern style Lutheran service. Not unlike the Traditional service, the Modern worship will be structured in its liturgy but will allow for freedom and flexibility with music and style. Piano and other instrumentation will likely be used more frequently than the organ, and leaders and components will be slightly more relaxed in dress and formality. This is the worship service most commonly known by Bethlehemers in the past.

Jubilee Services

Join us on 5th Sundays for Education Hour at 9:45am and one worship service at 11am on Sunday mornings **November 30, March 29, May 31, August 30, and November 29**. This service gives us the opportunity to get to know our "Bethlehem Church family" better. We will not only be fed with bread and wine as one body, but will also partake in a family-friendly community meal after the worship service.

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WELCA Circles (Women of the ELCA)

Sarah Circle (Barb Graf 946-5120 or Lee Miller 933-6326)

Meets at BLC, 12pm, 2nd Tuesdays

Ruth Circle (Christine Hubert 938-2071)

Meeting location rotates, call for info, 7:30pm, 2nd Tuesdays

Rebecca-Anna Circle (Nancy Ammann 946-8433)

Meets at BLC, 1pm, 2nd Thursdays

This year's WELCA study is "*Transforming Life & Faith*", which helps us consider how our lives & faith journeys are transformed by our experiences and the people we meet.

Get Involved at BLC

Landscape Committee

This group meets Monday mornings from 9-11am during the Spring through Fall seasons. Contact Ellie Shaw at (231) 946-2181 for more information.

Tuesday Workgroup

This group meets Tuesday mornings from 9am-noon & takes care of the church property. Contact Carl Lehto at (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 both church & personal use. Contact Suzanne Lehto at (231) 223-7187 for more information.

Tuesday Morning Sewing/Knitting/Quilting Groups

This group meets weekly from 9-11am to make quilts for Lutheran World Relief and incontinent pads for Lutheran Social Service of Michigan. The group also knits prayer shawls for those in need of care and prayer. Contact Laurie Gable at (231) 929-2327 for more information.

Outreach

Baby Pantry: 2nd and 4th Thursdays from 10am-4pm. Contact Sally Hanley at (231)218-3338 for more information.

Communion to Shut-ins: This service is provided to our members who are not able to attend worship. Contact Jan Stretlien at (231) 947-3265

Community Meals & Safe Harbor: Contact Jim Hutchison at (231) 271-3174 for more information about these community outreach programs.

Worship Teams (Celebrate!, Traditional & Modern)

Altar Guild: Helps prepare the altar for worship and Communion **Assisting Ministers:** Assists the pastor during worship and helps serve Communion.

Lectors/Readers: Read the Scripture lessons at worship services.

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

Parish Choir: Sings twice a month, once at the Traditional service and once at the Modern service.

Hand Bell Choir: Plays approximately once per month in either the Traditional or Modern service.

Worship Team: The Worship Team leads music once a month at the Celebrate! and Modern services.

Small Groups

Chapter and Verse (Meredith 312-320-4822, Paul 645-2064) Pr. Paul and Meredith's House, 7pm, 4th Monday of the month, beginning September 22. Ever wanted to join a "Book Club" but never had the time or will-power to read a WHOLE book each month? This small group for adults in their 30s and 40s meets monthly, asking each member to read the chapter beforehand and bring a verse from Scripture that might relate...and if you can't think of a bible verse, don't stress! Come on over, anyway!

Food for Thought (Melissa 214-704-0475) Melissa's House, 6:30pm, beginning Sept. 9th. 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.

Making Sense of the Christian Faith

Making Sense of the Christian Faith is an exciting and inviting exploration of the major theological doctrines of the Christian faith in the order of the biblical story. Topics include Theology, Creation, Sin, Covenant, Law, Community, Incarnation, Atonement, Church and Holy Spirit, and Eschatology. The following small groups will be using this curriculum this year.

Wilson Small Group (Emily Wilson 922-3468)

Meets at Mary Ann Tanis' home, 10:30a, 1st Wednesdays

Lehto Small Group (Suzanne Lehto 223-7187)

Meets at Marilyn Skay's home, 1pm, 1st Fridays

Springer Small Group (Bill & Dee Springer 941-8924)

Meets at Bill and Dee Springer's home, 7pm 3rd Mondays

Monroe Small Group (Cindy Monroe 941-0788)

Meets at Betty Rutila's home, 7:30pm, 3rd Mondays

Hughes/Gray Small Group (Loretta Hughes 941-4988)

Meets at Dick and Lois Gray's home, 7pm, 3rd Tuesdays

Christensen Small Group (BJ Christensen 228-3426)

Meeting location rotates, call for more info, 7pm, 4th Sundays

Other Small Group Activities

Camping Trip: Each September, members of BLC small groups gather for a fun, family friendly camping trip!

Christmas Party: Most small groups host their own Christmas parties sometime in December.

Cookies, Coffee & Conversation: Each small group takes a turn hosting our Sunday morning fellowship time, bringing cookies and treats for all to share.

Safe Harbor: Each small group assists with our Safe Harbor week, cooking meals, serving as hosts, and making sure our guests are well taken care of!

"All Small" Picnic: Each June all the small groups come together for a fun picnic, hosted by different members of the groups.

[New Small Groups and Ministry Groups of all kinds are forming now! Contact Pr. Paul or Melissa Lopez if you are interested in joining or leading a small group or a new ministry that the Spirit may be calling you or a friend to start!](#)