



**Bethlehem**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Building Hours:

Monday – Thursday, 9am to 3pm

Office Hours

Monday – Thursday, 9am to 3pm

Worship Times:

Saturday: 5 pm Celebrate! Worship  
Sunday: 8:45 am Traditional Worship  
9:45 am Education Hour  
11 am Modern Worship

Communion at all services

# 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.”*



*“But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.”*

-The Apostle Paul in his 1<sup>st</sup> Letter to the Corinthians, verse 12:31



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The above verse is what I might call a “hinge verse.” It connects two of the Apostle Paul’s most famous passages: the Body of Christ imagery for life and ministry (12:12-30) and his passage on the nature of love (13:1-13). The first passage states that we are all like organs or pieces of one body, and when (we and) our gifts function in harmony we appreciate one another and what we add to that body. Verse 30 poses the question “Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret?” and verse 31 answers it with the ultimate segway:

***“But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.”***

Directly after that verse comes the famous passage we have often heard at weddings, which begins like so: “If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal” and so on.

In these days of clanging cymbals and divisive rhetoric, we in the church are called for “a more excellent way” of bringing the Body together. One such way is a cause I believe we can all team up to address: human trafficking. On page 30 of this month’s *Living Lutheran Magazine*, the article entitled “A vital response to human trafficking: ELCA companions in Thailand offer new life for victims,” we are confronted with many sobering statistics; but we are also called to help address them.

For example, did you know that an estimated 3 million people each year from Myanmar, Laos, Cambodia and other countries are victims of human trafficking in Thailand? Yet the ELCA and its partner churches are teaming up to provide education for residents in those countries, to help them avoid or escape what our State Department defines as “modern slavery.”

And that is just ONE of the “excellent way(s)” we can live in concern and love for our neighbors in the world. At Bethlehem we seek to help the poor and homeless once again this year with Safe Harbor, as well as launching new ministries like THEO (for young adults) this January, hopefully launching a new phase of our vision and mission by year end, and lots of exciting waypoints on the journey in-between. Until then, may your new year be blessed, and may our ministry together be strong and true – to ourselves and the gospel we share.

-Pr. Paul

# President's Corner

January 1, 2018

If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! --2 Corinthians 5:17

We all like a “do- over” or second chance. In golf we call it a “mulligan”. God does much better than that! He allows us to become new again. When we accept Christ into our lives as our Savior and Lord we are born again. Being the God of new things, he can even make us new. Beyond forgiveness, beyond cleansing, he makes us holy through our belief in Jesus Christ. Let's use the opportunity of a New Year as a springboard for living a life fresh and new and alive for God!

I also want to take this opportunity on behalf of my entire extended family to say and give thanks to our Bethlehem family for your love, prayers, kindness, and gifts of food during Karen's Hospice care. There is a special place in God's heart for all of you for showing such love and compassion.

I also want to take time to thank the congregation for supporting your Church Council by passing the 2018 Budget document. Your council is dedicated to providing the programming that makes Bethlehem so special. Your pledges and support for the Close the Gap initiative will ensure that we can continue to bring to you the kind of activities that you have come to expect as a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

God wants to be the center of our joy. He can help us in all aspects of our lives. He will give us the strength to endure. Dear Lord, we thank you for the New Year. We are grateful for your grace, love, and guidance. Have a blessed New Year and keep God first place in your life. He will take you places you alone could not imagine.

In Christ,  
Phil Anderson

# *From The Desk of Alexis*

## Youth & Outreach



Happy New Year, BLC!

Goodbye 2017, **hello 2018!** I am so excited to be experiencing this yearly transition with you all and the newness that comes with it. We have so much to look forward to this year!

*A brief recap of 2017...*

When I took this position, I was quite anxious to face the challenges that awaited me here, but all of you have been so encouraging and supportive, and that has made all the difference! I feel that Meghan and I have begun to develop a solid foundation for our youth programs that will make the future of our youth ministry much more sustainable in the long run.

More specifically, our BLUES, Confirmation, HS Youth Nights and Christian Education ministries have gone very well! While the numbers can, at times, be discouraging, I have confidence that we are effectively ministering to the youth in our midst, and that is what truly counts! ☺

*Looking forward...*

**Confirmation** classes (with our Feast of Victory partners) will continue this year, and we will be looking at the New Testament and Luther's Catechism! If you have a middle school student who has not yet been confirmed, we highly encourage you to get them involved this year! It is a commitment that is truly worthwhile.

Our **High school youth group** will continue to meet on the first Wednesday of each month until May! Events and location may vary, so make sure to keep your eyes peeled for updates! And, of course, we are anxiously preparing and waiting for our trip to Houston in June!

**Our college/young adult ministry** group is kicking off on **January 7<sup>th</sup>!!** **THEO** is open to all young adults (age 19-25)—we have even extended invitations to 5-10 other congregations in the TC area, so feel free to connect with any youth who may be interested, regardless of denomination! Meetings will be held at BLC to start, then we'll be going around TC to different locations (coffee shops, bookstores, etc.) to keep things interesting!

For all the stuff I just mentioned and more, please see the Youth Events Calendar on the following page and share it with anyone who may be interested! ☺ Your encouragement as adults in the lives of our youth is extremely significant!

That's all for this month—Happy New Year, folks! My hope is that we can embrace this New Year with the sentiment of Paul's letter to the Corinthians...

"Therefore if anyone is in Christ, there is a *new creation*; old things have passed away, and look, new things have come." —2 Corinthians 5:17

Peace,

Alexis Steig  
Director of Youth and Outreach  
Bethlehem Lutheran Church, TC

# Youth Activities Calendar

## January 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> <i>New Year's day</i>	<b>2</b> C.E Mtg. @6pm	<b>3</b> Senior High Night @5:30pm	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> Sunday School @9:45am THEO @7pm	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Y2A Mtg. @6pm	<b>10</b> Confirmation @5:45	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> Sunday School @9:45am  Ski Trip Pancake Breakfast	<b>15</b> <i>M.L. King Day</i>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> Sunday School @9:45am  Youth Ski Trip <b>Ski Date changed To Feb 11!</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Confirmation @5:45	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> BLUES moved to Sunday	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> Sunday School @9:45am BLUES @5pm (Twin Lakes Sledding) 1pm-3:30pm	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> NO Confirmation			

## February 2018 (note: ski day/trip moved to Feb 11<sup>th</sup>)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesd ay	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> Sunday School @9:45am	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> C.E Mtg. @6pm	<b>7</b> Confirmatio n @5:45	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> Sunday School @9:45am Ski Trip @12pm-8pm	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Y2A Mtg. @6pm	<b>14</b> Senior High Night @5:30pm <i>Valentine's Day Ash Wednesday</i>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> Sunday School @9:45am	<b>19</b> <i>President's Day</i>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Lent Night	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> BLUES @5pm (Hot Choc. Movie Night) Confirm. Retreat---	<b>24</b>  Confirm. Retreat
<b>25</b> Sunday School @9:45am	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Lent Night			



# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HIGHLIGHTS



## Christian Education Highlights

*January 2018*

Happy New Year BLC,

Each new year brings on the challenge of writing the correct date on every document that finds itself in your hands, so I wish you all luck in training your brain to start thinking 2018!

We have successfully concluded 2017 and now it is time to conquer 2018. BLUES will continue this semester along with Sunday school.

**BLUES** will resume on January 26<sup>th</sup> at 5pm. We plan on having a sledding party at Twin Lakes. If you have any questions please contact Meghan Denton.

**Sunday school classes** will resume on January 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:45am. If you have any questions or concerns about classes or the school year calendar please contact Meghan Denton or Nancy Ammann.

Keep your ears open for Information on First Communion classes and 3rd graders receiving bibles. If your students have not completed their first communion classes or are in 3rd grade or are older and have not received their bibles, contact Pastor Paul or Meghan Denton, otherwise they contact you to touch base on how your students are doing.

Looking forward, Epiphany is quickly approaching and Lent in on our heels...trying not to look too far forward, but try not to blink. Otherwise before you know it it'll be Palm Sunday.

## **VBS '18 has arrived!**

Our curriculum has arrived and Bethlehem is excited to being hosting 'Shipwrecked' as our in-house VBS this summer. We are still recruiting volunteers for all position. Y2A and Christian Education will be meeting early in January to get a closer look at all the materials and music that our kids will hear and be using to learn about Jesus this summer. If you are looking to volunteer in any way please contact Meghan Denton or Alexis Steig. If you are Looking to register your young scholars, please contact Dianne Blair, Nancy Ammann or Meghan Denton. Also, please forward all questions and/or concerns to Meghan Denton and Alexis Steig.

Wishing you all the best in 2018!

**Blessings,  
Meghan**

**ITEMS NEEDED FOR 2018 LOVE PACKAGES FOR ABSENT BETHLEHEM  
MILITARY & COLLEGE STUDENTS**

1. Toiletries (toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, chapstick, etc)
2. Small games/laying cards, etc.
3. Healthy snacks (granola bars, nuts, dried fruit, gum, etc)
4. Blank note cards/sticky notes/postage stamps
5. Pens/Pencils
6. Items of faith (booklets, pamphlets, etc)
7. Bookmarks
8. Small paperbacks
9. Hot cocoa/tea/instant coffee packets
10. Microwave popcorn/soups
11. Other items you feel they would need & appreciate.

**DEADLINE TO TURN IN:** Friday, February 2. Donation box is near the mailboxes.

Please come help us "Fill The Boxes" after 11:00 church on Sunday, February 4. (A light lunch will be provided)

Thank you for helping with this ministry to our Bethlehem Family!

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**FROM OUR TREASURER, DAVE PEPLER:**

The books for December have not closed yet. Be looking for the latest update in the weeks to come in your weekly bulletin.

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**Fellowship Committee  
Upcoming Events**

The Fellowship committee would like to present you with the following events for your consideration when making your plans for 2018.

**Men's Coffee/Social Club**

We are exploring the interest in starting a Men's Coffee Club. There are a lot of you (Gentlemen) with great life stories. If you have an interest in getting together occasionally please let Chuck Ardingo know via phone #206-919-7487 or email dingo457@msn.com.

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**THANKS TO ALL** who donated at Blue Christmas or the Christmas concert to the free will offering to assist Puerto Rico's recovery. Thanks to your generosity \$543.25 was donated to the Boys and Girls Clubs of Puerto Rico.

**CHRISTMAS TREE THANK YOU:** We want to thank again Paul and Ann Rundhaug for donating the sanctuary Christmas Tree and to Steve Hubert for using his truck and trailer to haul the tree. Their generosity is appreciated.

### **WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS ARE STILL NEEDED**

There are many opportunities for our members to be a part of any of BLC's three services. Some opportunities are "in front of the congregation" and many are behind the scenes. With more volunteers on the list for each volunteer team, the rotation could be every 4 – 6 weeks, more or less. We also have music teams that could use your voice or musical skills. Please prayerfully consider joining one of these worship/music teams (training is available for all):

- 1. Altar Guild:** Prepares the altar for worship and Communion (one group of two people per weekend)
- 2. Assisting Ministers:** Assists the pastor during the worship service and helps serve Communion (one per each of three services)
- 3. A/V Team:** Sits in the balcony & manages the weekly "Screenouncements" and worship power point presentations (Sat. 5pm/Sun. 11am)
- 4. Lectors:** Reads the Scripture lessons at worship services (one per each of three services)
- 5. Hospitality:** Greets people at the door to the Sanctuary, hands out worship folders and collects the offering (groups of two people each for the Sat 5pm and Sun 8:45am services and groups of four people for the Sun 11am service)
- 6. Bell Ringers:** Rings the BLC bell in the Gathering Space at the beginning of the service (one per each of three services)
- 7. Welcome Table:** Greets people as they enter the church from the parking lot and assists visitors with the layout of the church (coat room, restrooms, nursery, Fellowship Hall, etc.) (one or two per each of three services)
- 8. Worship Assembly and Sanctuary Preparation:** Assembles the weekly worship folder and prepares the Sanctuary (one group of two people per weekend)
- 9. Counters:** Counts the weekly offering collection. (Teams of three or four will rotate on a monthly basis.)
- 10. Adult Choir:** Sings at different services each Month. Rehearses weekly, except for in the summer.
- 11. Hand Bell Choir:** Plays approximately once per month in a Traditional and Modern service. Rehearses weekly, except for summer months.
- 12. Worship Team:** Leads music once a month at the Celebrate! And Modern services. Rehearses weekly, year round
- 13. Steel Pans:** Plays once a month at various services, mostly during the summer months and Christmas services

For Worship Teams 1 through 8, please contact Barbara Oster at 231-668-7038 or [beo6475@yahoo.com](mailto:beo6475@yahoo.com)

For Counters, please contact Shelly McAllister at [smcallister3@hotmail.com](mailto:smcallister3@hotmail.com)

For Music Teams, please contact our Music Coordinator, Sharon Weller at 231-947-9880





## **WOMEN OF BETHLEHEM HAPPY NEW YEAR 2018!**



It's hard to believe how quickly time flies by but fly it does. We need to take a moment to 'be still' and ponder the blessings we all have received - from the ordinary to the extraordinary - and there are many! From the beauty of the sunlight on the new fallen snow to fellowship with family and friends and especially celebrating the birth of our Savior. My wish for you this new year is that you would look for the good around you and thank God for it! He never fails!

In the past year WELCA has been blessed with many gifts and we have been able to share those gifts with others;

Thankoffering - \$1259.88 (to National)

50% of Circle offerings - \$407.83 (to State)

Hurricane Relief \$250.00 - (Thrivent matched)

Lutheran World Relief \$150.00 - quilt shipping

Safe Harbor Project (thru Chris Hubert) - \$150.00 (Thrivent matched)

Tracie Moyer - \$45.00 - shipping for totes for quilts made by BLC quilt groups given to Traverse City High School

Bible Women Ministry of India - \$150.00 (see Kiosk)

Sarah Circle Adopt-a-family - \$590.00 (including gifts from BLC members and Thrivent matched)

A total of \$ 3002.71 shared with others.

Thanks be to God!

The January Bible Study is taken from the *Gather* magazine. This month's theme takes a look at how we identify with the characters of the Bible. If interested in joining, contact Nancy Ammann.

**COLLEGE/MILITARY PACKAGES:** We will again be sending 'Love-Care Packages' to Bethlehem's absent college students and military people. We NEED names and complete exact addresses of each as soon as possible. Leave the names and addresses with Sharon or Renae in the office or with Dianne Blair or Nancy Ammann. We are also asking the congregation to help us by donating items to put into the packages. There is a complete list of items The donation box located near the mailboxes. Please have the items dropped off by Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>. The packages will be assembled after the second service on Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup> following a light lunch for helpers. If possible, please let us know if you are willing to help pack these boxes by contacting one of the Christian Committee members. What a great way of letting the students and military know that Bethlehem is thinking of them with a 'little touch of home'. Thank you!

## SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY

New Folks are always Welcome!!!!

A Bethlehem tradition for more than a decade has been for small groups to discuss the work of Christ in our lives using Bible references and published materials. Through our study we experience a closer bond to Christ and to each other. Having Christ centered mutual support from our friends is very uplifting and helps us develop the spiritual gifts we are to share with each other. We welcome you to join a group or create one of your own that meets at a time more convenient to you. For questions, call BJ Christensen 231-228-3426.

<u>Meeting time</u>	<u>Facilitator</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Theme</u>
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday 12:30pm	Cindy Monroe 231-941-0788	Betty Rutila's Home	Poverty
3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday 3:00pm	Barb Oster 231-668-7038	BLC Conference Room	Reformation
3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday 3:00pm	Corey Hughes 231-941-4988	Helen Rafeld's House	Revelation
			"Breaking the Code"
3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday 1:00pm	Suzanne Lehto 231-223-7187	BLC	Small Catechism
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday 12:30pm	BJ & Tom Christensen 231-228-3426	BLC	Martin Luther 95 Theses
2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday 6:00pm	Matt Branch & Tina Dohm Food for Thought	BLC	Lutheranism 101

## YOUTH FUNDRAISER GUIDELINES

Our church council has adopted a set of Guidelines for all to follow when conducting any kind of fundraiser. These Guidelines are posted in the Gathering Space. Please contact the church office if you would like a copy.

## Safe Harbor Volunteer Service

Our church has agreed to provide volunteer support services at the Safe Harbor emergency housing shelter from Saturday evening, February 3 through Saturday morning, February 10.

This year we will support the operation of the new Safe Harbor emergency housing building located at 517 Wellington Street, just south of 8<sup>th</sup> Street. Our support services will be very **similar to what we've done in past years when we welcomed and served guests in our church building.**

Please consider how you can help. Sign up sheets are in the gathering space. Please try to sign up prior to January 22, so that adequate time is available to recruit additional volunteers if necessary. For more information contact Jim Hutchison, BLC Safe Harbor Coordinator, 714-6062, [hutchison@alma.edu](mailto:hutchison@alma.edu)

### Volunteer Duties

**Overnight Volunteer:** Be present during the night for security and assistance with guests. May sleep in shifts during the night.  
8:30pm–6:30am. New volunteers are especially needed.

**Evening Volunteer:** Assist with facility operations. Eat with and interact socially with guests.  
5:30pm-8:30pm.

**Breakfast Crew:** Assist with serving the continental breakfast. Clean kitchen area. 6:00am-8:30am

**Cleaning Crew:** Clean up of the facility. 6:30am-8:30am.

**Dinner Preparation:** Food preparation and service. 6:00pm-7:30pm. **Small groups, women's and men's groups, or families are encouraged to volunteer. BLC will pay for food. Food must be prepared in the facility kitchen.**

**Grocery Donation:** Food items for snacks and breakfast are needed.

Volunteer training sessions will be offered Saturdays January 20 and February 3, 10:30am-noon at the Safe Harbor building. All volunteers are strongly encouraged to attend.

## MANY THANKS TO OLESON'S

A big thank you goes out to all who turned in Oleson's receipts. In October, Bethlehem received a check from Oleson's for \$231.58. Please continue to turn in your Oleson's receipts. Shopping at Oleson's is an easy way to donate to BLC---just do your grocery shopping and turn in the receipts. Deposit in the "Oleson's" slot found in the lower left cabinet under the member's mailboxes.

## XYZ

THANKS TO ALL who have been attending our pot luck lunches. A special thanks to those helping set up and clean up. Thank you to our program presenters. The food has been good and the programs excellent. Our next pot luck will be **Friday, January 19 at noon.** Trooper David Prichard of the Michigan State Police will give a presentation about scams and other ways people get ripped off. All are welcome to bring a guest (or two) Please contact Butch Waisanen with questions @ [etwaisanen@centurytel.net](mailto:etwaisanen@centurytel.net) or call 231-271-3802.

## STEWARDSHIP UPDATES

Behold the good news all you cheerful givers! --2 Corinthians 9:6-7

The point is this- whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly, or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

On behalf of the Stewardship Committee, we would like to thank you for embracing the Bridge the Gap fund and your generosity by donating \$1400 to date towards balancing our budget. Fantastic! Remember, we will be accepting donations throughout 2018 - so whenever you can participate, please do. Small or large, your gifts WILL help make a difference here at BLC, and hopefully even beyond.

Our Threads of Giving, Bread of life ministry is an ongoing endeavor. Our number of pledges are down from last year ( we are close- just need 9 more pledges - and good news- it's not too late! Forms are at the back of the sanctuary). The good news is the dollar amount pledged is up from 2017 - thank you to all who are faithfully stewarding the gifts God has entrusted to your care.

So we are entering 2018 with love and hope and feeling very blessed by all of Gods gifts and your spirit of generosity in your Threads of Giving, Bread of life participation.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Wright  
Stewardship Chair





# SHOP AT FAMILY FARE AND HELP RAISE MONEY FOR QUILTS!!

Shop at Family Fare, 905 E. 8<sup>th</sup> Street here in Traverse City (or at any Family Fare in the area) and help raise money for quilts!

*To warm others with more than a prayers,  
save register receipts when you shop Family Fare!  
Lutheran World Relief quilters need help from you.  
Bring Family Fare receipts to us that you could do.  
This helps raise money for the supplies it will take...  
for fabric, thread, and shipping necessary for the quilts we  
make!*

Questions? Please call Betty Rutila at 231-947-1013



## **Book/Supper Discussion Group**

We meet from 5 to 7 pm on the 4th Tuesday of the month. Join us, and if you have any questions, please contact Ellie Long at 231-935-4595  
935-4595.

Jan. 23 ***Last Bus to Wisdom*** by Ivan Doig (novel)

## **LOVE, INC**

Classes at Journey Wesleyan Church, S. Airport Rd. 6-8 PM—Your choice of classes.

Jan 24—Basic Budgeting, Whining & Nagging, Boundary Basics

Jan 31—Basic Budgeting, Colors of Childhood, Smart Food Shopping, Boundary Basic

Feb 7—Basic Budgeting, Improve Your Communication, Goal Setting for Success

Feb 21—Smart Food Shopping, Improve Your Communication, Colors of Childhood

Register by calling: 231-941-5683



## **In honor of Bethlehem's 125 year anniversary the Worship & Music Committee**

has restored the custom of honoring new members of the family of God with a rose at the Altar. Those who wish to celebrate their new child or grandchild can contact committee chair, Barbara Oster at: beo6475@yahoo.com or via phone 668-7038. The cost is \$10.00 to be submitted to the church office, or labeled as such and placed in the collection plate. The rose and vase can be taken by the family after the 11:00 service on Sunday.

### **Musicality**

Another way to support your Bethlehem Music Department is to join one of the music groups. Depending on the one you join, you could be a part of services every 2 months, once a month, once every three weeks, or about every other week. They all have different schedules. What fits you best?

Your choices are steel pans, bells, Worship Team, and choir. They rehearse once a week with trained directors and really build up quite a comradery. It's fun. Think about it.

### **Habitat for Humanity**

Habitat for Humanity is always looking for volunteers:

1. Skilled/Unskilled volunteers to serve as site coaches leading and teaching groups of volunteers in finish carpentry. No experience necessary.
2. Committee Members. Time commitment is about three hours a month. Committees needing members are Faith Relations, Family Selection and Events.
3. Re-Store volunteers / Donation drives / Pickup and Delivery
4. Lunch volunteers to feed construction site crews.
5. Deconstruction teams to salvage materials to be sold at the Re-Sale Store.

If you're interested in helping out, please call Michelle Reichert at 231-941-4663





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# ELCA GLOBAL LINKS

Stay informed. Be inspired. Get involved.

## **Reconciliation and Healing in South Sudan**

Nov. 16 was a day many had been anticipating – the dedication and inauguration of the Reconciliation Lutheran Church Community Center and Clinic in Juba, South Sudan. Over 5,000 people from the community came to the celebration! Thanks be to God for the ministries of proclamation, healing and hope that will flow out from this place.

## **2018/19 YAGM Applications Now Open!**

The ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission (YAGM) program invites young adults ages 21-29 into a year of service, faith formation and relationship building in 11 programs in 14 countries around the world. Young adults serve in the spirit of accompaniment, walking alongside global companions in a manner that practices mutuality, interdependence and solidarity. As they offer themselves in service, young adults are shaped by the witness of our global neighbors. Check out [ELCA.org/yagm](http://ELCA.org/yagm) for more information. Applications are due Feb. 15 for service beginning in August 2017

## **'We Heard Music in English, Arabic, Amharic, Nuer, and Dinka'**

St. Andrew's United Church in Cairo, Egypt – where ELCA missionary the Rev. Kirsten Fryer serves – is home to five refugee congregations as well as an English-speaking and Egyptian Christian congregation. It is also home to St. Andrew's Refugee Services (StARS), which serves over 25,000 refugees each year through education, legal aid, and psychosocial and community outreach programs. To view wonderful photos from a recent worship service at St. Andrew's go to the following web site.

<https://www.facebook.com/ELCAGlobalChurch/posts/1755883951111541>



Epiphany is the season when the ELCA emphasizes the global ministry of the Church—a season that reflects upon the revelation of the Gospel to all people.



## Health Concerns\*

**Richard Fernholz, Karen Anderson, Loretta Hughes  
Margie Whitney, Thad Hellenga, Mary Gordon,  
Ellie Tacke, Joyce Rombouts,  
Marlene Baesch, Jo Hasse,  
Kate Holtfreter, Jim Kober and Virginia Fleming**

**Grand Traverse Pavilions:** Virginia Fleming

**Joy Givers:** Hazel Lautner

**French Manor:** Mary Gordon, Joyce Rombouts, Marlene Baesch

**Traverse Manor:** Margie Whitney, Juanita Lautner

**French Manor Lafranier:** Jo Hasse

**Boardman Lake Glens:** Inge Thomas

**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 [jstretlen@gmail.net](mailto:jstretlen@gmail.net).

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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)?

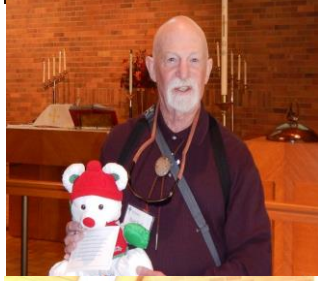
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
7 am - No Sunday School 10 am - Jubilate Office Closed	10 am - AlAnon-B 10 am - AlAnon-LR3 6:30pm - Gamblers 7:30pm - Gambler's Anon	9 am - LWR Sewing Group 9 am - Prayer Shawl 9 am - Property Work Group 3pm - LessonsWarne 6pm - Christian Ed Mtg. 6:30pm - Evang/Membershi	5:30pm - Senior High Night	3pm - LessonsWarne 5:30pm - ACOA (LR) 6:30pm - Gamblers	10 am - AlAnon-B 10 am - AlAnon-LR3	10 am - L. Burns 5pm - Celebrate! Worship
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