

OCTOBER 2020



Bethlehem
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Building Hours: (Currently closed due to Covid 19)
Monday – Thursday, 9am to 3pm

Office Hours: (Currently closed due to Covid 19)
Monday – Thursday, 9am to 3pm

Worship Times:

(In-person worship currently postponed;
offering “virtual worship” due to Covid-19)

Saturday: 5 pm Celebrate! Worship
Sunday: 8:30 am Traditional Worship
9:45 am Educational 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.”



“When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze.”
– Isaiah 43:2 (New International Version)



Good Grief! And True Joy (We're gonna be ok...)

“Good grief!” you say? The only person I ever remember saying those words was Charlie Brown – the kid who never seemed to reach his own expectations or the standards of others. But let's face it: we loved him for it! True confessions: it's Charlie to whom we gravitate the most, maybe kicking and screaming. Charlie...the proverbial mix of disciples “Peter” and “Thomas.” Charlie...the one we can all secretly identify with. Though we can also identify with grief, however, we would really rather not.

So, is grief really “good”? Many years ago (15 to be exact) there was a tragedy in my life. The cancer of a very close family member, kept secret to herself for several years, finally ran its course. When it did, the sickness brought a quick and tearful goodbye. And like so many Covid victims in this country during these last 7 months (210,000 to be exact), my loved one passed before we were ready. We didn't expect it. We didn't want it. But there it was. Then grief took refuge in our hearts.

Friends, I use the words “took refuge” because while grief is neither welcome nor joyous, it does in truth *need a place to reside*. Grief is natural and normal. When we look at all that we have lost in these past few months, we do well to allow that grief (of lost habits, freedoms, worship, travel, and of course – loved ones) to run its healthy course. True grieving can help us grow and move on. Yet in place of that “good grief,” we humans often try to “short-circuit” our journey of “letting go and letting God.” We often skip to unhelpful things like anger, or fast-forward to “silver linings” that are not bad in and of themselves (i.e. increased time at home, catching up more regularly with family and friends, and even “virtual meetings”), but we cannot substitute the time in silence, prayer or reflection that real grief allows. And sadly, for many, our attempts to deal with grief can also overwhelm us, fraught with a sense of despair or powerlessness - for which we undoubtedly need the help of God and neighbor.

But when grief properly “has its day” (or months, or years) something new takes root, and God's handiwork can grow into something good so that (as the apostle Paul would say) one day **“our joy may be complete.”** Friends, I don't know what grief you may be holding, or what frustrations you may have built up as we gradually emerge from isolation, anger, grief or other “troubled waters.” But let us lean on one another, and knowing that true joy someday awaits us. Let us take comfort in Isaiah's words of God's presence amid the rushing waters and fiery and perilous spots we may be feeling...Knowing that through it all, we will be well and we will be ok. **Please check out the pages ahead for our new indoor worship guidelines and precautions (e.g. Wear a mask, social distance and hum along to the hymns!) We'll get there soon, with true joy!**

-Pastor Paul

President's Corner

Hello, fellow members. I am happy that we have weathered the storm together and can enter the church building and sanctuary this Sunday, October 11th at 10am. We will officially welcome our new "Council class" next Sunday the 18th, also at 10am. I hope you can join us to give thanks for their leadership as we worship together. And while we don't know what the future will bring, we always know God is with us and that we are thankful - for your support, for this community, and what the Lord has provided. Stay safe and be well.

-Leonard Graf, Council President

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Traverse City Michigan
“We Journey with God to serve with Love”

Minutes from Church Council Meeting August 18, 2020

CALLED TO ORDER: Leonard Graf at 6:08

OPENING PRAYER: Mark McPherson read “The Edge of the World” from his LCA Confirmation Book, written by Robert Marshall.

ROLL CALL: Gail Goldsmith; Phil Anderson, Maureen Bauer, Pastor Paul Busekist, Nancy Downer, Gail Goldsmith, Leonard Graf, Laura Hahn, Mark McPherson, Cindy Monroe, Jim Monroe,
Absent: Jan Stretlien, excused. Paul Wiemerslage absent

VISITOR/S OR CONGREGATIONAL COMMENT: Kelly Thompson visiting, no comments

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Mark McPherson motioned for approval, Maureen seconded, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM July 21, 2020; One correction in the Pastor’s comments #2 last line remove This will last 3-4 weeks. Mark McPherson motioned for approval with correction, Nancy Downer, seconded, motion carried.

REPORTS:

PRESIDENT’S REPORT: 1) Committee heads should review the descriptions of their committees in the Bi-Laws to make sure they are correct. 2) Bi-Laws need to include the Sustaining and Mission Endowment funds that were voted in June 2019. 3) The check signing paperwork has been completed, Jim Monroe, Leonard Graf and Mark McPherson are now authorized as check signers.

PASTOR’S REPORT: Pastor Paul reported 1) when staff are in their cubicles and there is social distancing it is fine to not have a mask on. However if there is a group together, masks must be worn. It is important to model this Executive Order. 2) Driver’s Education is having more than 10 students. It was discussed that one class is meeting outside and they are social distancing. The indoor class, students are keeping the 6 foot Social Distance. Leonard Graf pointed out Article 8 of the current Executive Order As long as the class is less than 25% of maximum capacity of the facility it is ok. Each “auditorium” is considered a separate facility. 3) As the season changes and colder weather approaches we need to look at Virtual Worship modifying the building for possible Live Streaming the service. He is wrestling with how many people in the building. He would like to shoot for changing from outside services to inside on October 11th. The blessing of the animals is usually the 1st Sunday in October, so have the animals in the cars, and have the service and the blessing and that be the last service in the greenspace. 4) In order to start Worship Service indoors there needs to be a strategy on paper of how to space out the pews and musicians. Will we need to take temperatures at the door? What do we do if we have to tighten restrictions or if we have a COVID-19 case? 5) In order to have indoor services the Bibles and Hymnals will have to be removed from the pews. We would need to look at purchasing sprayers to sanitize the church and possible put up Plexiglas by the musicians. 6) This may be a good time to invest in the equipment to live stream the services. This would be advantageous to have for the future for shut-ins and people with health issues to be able to be a part of the services. This would eliminate much of the production time, which is very time consuming. 7) Volunteers are needed for services. It has been difficult to get volunteers for 1 service, but they are needed for outdoor worship and virtual worship. 8) Pastor is going to video the main parts of the service with different colored stoles for the different parts of the church year, so these videos can be spliced into the Virtual Worship Services. Then have sermon snippets and that should cut the production time from 3 hours to 1 hour. 9) Pastor will check with other churches to see what they are doing. He is aware of what some churches are doing in the area.

TREASURER'S REPORT: We continue to not have a Treasurer, however James Monroe, Financial Secretary and Dave Pepler as Financial Committee Chair. Jim Monroe stated most of the congregation are keeping up with their pledges. At this time the budget is about 4 ½ % behind. August tends to be down each year and he is anticipating that again this year. Mark McPherson and Pastor Paul are planning a letter going out to the congregation with the budget update. Then another letter being sent by Phil Anderson the end of September for the congregation to know where they are standing with their pledges. It is important to realize the difference between pledges and the actual revenue. Phil stated the committee heads need to assess their budgets and predict what their yearly budget will be. (Not all months have equal expenditures).

CONSENT CALENDAR: COMMITTEE REPORTS: The committee reports are: Financial Secretary's report, Christian Care Report, Christian Education Report, Membership and Evangelism, Personnel Report, Property Report, Stewardship Report, Worship and Music, Youth/Y2A Report, Fellowship Report, Finance Committee Report, Visions Report, Endowment Fund Report (Quarterly) and Sustaining Endowment Memorial Fund Report (Quarterly). All reports submitted were accepted as submitted.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Update on worship services. The task force continues to meet to discuss the next plan for Worship Services. There needs to be a plan in writing of what to do to get the congregation back in the building, safely. Concern that some people may not come back to church. We have to make sure people are healthy when they come back. What to do if we need to cancel services and how will we be able to have 3 services again. This discussion will continue, based on DATA, updates on the Governor's Orders and communication with other churches of how are they continuing with services.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Approval of Phil Anderson as Liaison for Property Committee. Cindy Monroe made the motion for Phil Anderson to be liaison for the Property Committee, Maureen seconded the motion, the motion carried.

B. Approval of Sharon Weller to teach music lessons in the church. All involved will wear masks, social distance and there will be one student with one parent at a time. At this time there is one student per week and one student every other week. They will use limited areas, near the piano, and the bathroom. Cindy Monroe made the motion to let Sharon have these music lessons in the church. Leonard seconded the motion and the motion carried.

C. Open church for small groups, WELCA, etc. The policy is to have a small group under 12 participants and they need to follow the process for using the church, they need to have a key and be on the schedule. The group would need to clean up after themselves so everything is sanitized. Mark McPherson made the motion and Cindy Monroe seconded the motion. Mark motioned to Call Question and a vote was taken. Motion carried 5 to 3.

VISITOR OR CONGREGATIONAL COMMENT: Kelly Thompson will be assisting Maureen Bauer with the Personnel Committee.

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

LORD'S PRAYER: was said by all.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn by Mark McPherson and seconded by Cindy Monroe, motion carried. Adjournment at 8:05

Respectfully Submitted,
Gail Goldsmith, Council Secretary

Finance Update – August Financial Results:

Before discussing financials, it is critical the role of treasurer be filled. The position remains open. Developing the 2021 budget requires a treasurer, not to mention the on-going treasurer tasks of signing checks, overseeing financial reporting, attending meetings and advising Exec and Council.

August is typically a slow month for receipts. Income came in at \$24,244 compared to our budget of \$32,245. This creates a negative variance of \$8,001 against budget for the month. On the expense side we came in at \$29,233 compared to our budget of \$31,937. This creates a positive variance of \$2,704 against budget. From a cash flow perspective, income of \$24,244 did not cover expense of \$29,233 leaving us short \$4,989. We had budgeted a \$308 positive variance resulting in a net variance against budget of \$5,297. Not a good month.

Year to date (YTD) is better. For the first 8 months of the year our income was \$243,874 against a budget of \$259,782 leaving us short \$15,908. Our expense was \$243,901 against a budget of \$266,987 leaving us under budget by \$23,086. There are a couple ways to look at these YTD numbers. The good news is actual cash income of \$243,874 is almost dead on with actual cash expense of \$243,901. Although our income is down, our expenses have also been down allowing us to basically breakeven from a cash flow perspective. This means we are living within our means so far this year. We do have a large expense coming up this Fall for parking lot repair.

Of concern is YTD contributions are down \$16,188. If it weren't for reduced spending during this pandemic we would be in a very difficult position.

Stewardship Thought

We make a living by what we get; but we make a life by what we give". Winston Churchill

Pecans are coming! Pecans are coming! The Worship and Music committee will sell the popular Schermer pecans again this Fall. Instead of having a table set up inside the church, we will take orders for Dark Chocolate Pecans, Caramel Cluster Pecans and Cinnamon Glazed Pecans. The \$12 bags are perfect for holiday or hostess gifts or just plain munching. The pecans have been ordered and we will have some extra so you can still purchase by contacting Barbara Oster (231-668-7038 or beo6475@yahoo.com). The shipment should be in by early November

Due to the unpredictable status of the current COVID-19 virus, **the October 10, 2020 Bethlehem Lutheran Art & Craft Show** will not take place this year. Even with the many safety restrictions, we are still not comfortable with social distancing crafters and shoppers need to maintain. With the show being an indoor event, it would be difficult to keep the 50 creative artists/crafters and the many eager shoppers the required distance. Our goal is to not only make the show enjoyable and safe entering our church, but also to make the fundraiser profitable for the crafters who put countless hours into their creations.



Show Coordinator,
Patty Leibenguth

ABRIDGED WITH ANNIE:

A SUMMARY OF YOUTH EVENTS FOR OCTOBER...

Hello Bethlehem! This is my favorite season and my absolute month is October. The air is crisp and there are so many colors everywhere! It's such a powerful reminder that God is good! Even with COVID still happening all around us and the difficulties that it brings, I know that God is good and that He will always be here for us.



OCTOBER HAPPENINGS ...

This semester all of the **Youth Groups** will be doing similar. For the month of October we are going to have a spook-tacular Halloween Party at Bethlehem! There will be a customized devotion, then lots of games and fun! Costumes are definitely encouraged! If you have a youth interested in attending, please reach out to me in order to obtain and read the **Youth Gathering Guidelines** for this current COVID season.

The **Middle/Junior High School Group** will have their Halloween Party on **Wednesday October 14th**.

The **High School Group** will have their Halloween Party on **Saturday October 17th**.

The **BLUES Group** will have their Halloween Party on **Friday October 30th**.

If you are in need of any details in regards to **Confirmation** this semester, please reach out to myself or to Pastor Paul!

I am still offering **One on Ones** to all of the youth in a virtual capacity. These can be done and be arranged when it is convenient for you and your families! Just reach out to me if you are interested and we can figure out a time.

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

As we go into October I ask that you keep Bethlehem's kids and their families in your thoughts and prayers as they continue their semesters.

"Do not fear, for I am with you, do not be afraid, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my victorious right hand." (Isaiah 41:10)

Cheerfully in Christ,
Annie Slabaugh

Director of Youth and Outreach/ Bethlehem Lutheran Church/Traverse City

For the foreseeable future, the questions below will be asked of you each time you enter the church building for services, along with taking of temperatures.

Covid-19 Screening Questions

Please read each question carefully and answer Yes or No to each

1. Have you experienced any of the following symptoms in the past 48 hours:
 - fever or chills
 - cough
 - shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - fatigue
 - muscle or body aches
 - headache
 - new loss of taste or smell
 - sore throat
 - congestion or runny nose
 - nausea or vomiting
 - diarrhea

2. Within the past 14 days, have you been in close physical contact (6 feet or closer for at least 15 minutes) with a person who is known to have laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 or with anyone who has any symptoms consistent with COVID-19?

3. Are you isolating or quarantining because you may have been exposed to a person with COVID-19 or are worried that you may be sick with COVID-19?

4. Are you currently waiting on the results of a COVID-19 test?

Did you answer NO to ALL QUESTIONS? Welcome to Bethlehem, you may enter the Sanctuary (or overflow to Fellowship Hall). Thank you for helping us protect you and others during this time.

Did you answer YES to ANY QUESTION? Please avoid contact with others and go straight home immediately. If you are not feeling well, we hope that you feel better soon! Thank you for helping us protect you and others during this time.

***Please Practice Safe Habits
per CDC Guidelines***

- **If you are ill, please stay home or see your doctor**
- **Masks are required while you are in the building**
- **Social Distancing is important**
- **Maintain a 6 ft. distance from others when possible**
 - **Keep interactions brief**
- **Wash your hands on a regular basis
Hand Sanitizer is available**
- ***Thank you for your help as ensure everyone's safety***

STAR and Bulletin Deadlines

To be sure that your article or announcement is in STAR or Bulletin issue that you want, please note the following deadlines:

STAR: by the third Wednesday of the month

Bulletin: by the Wednesday before each weekend

Submission by email is preferred (admin@bethlehemtc.org) with either the word STAR or Bulletin in the subject line. Please write exactly what you want in the article or announcement. Be sure to include all pertinent information about your event, i.e. dates, time, location, etc. You can put it in the body of the email or as an attachment as a Word doc or .pdf. Also, please include the month(s) for the STAR issue or the date(s) for the Bulletin issue that you need your article or announcement included. If you have any questions, please contact Barbara Oster at admin@bethlehemtc.org

Please do not send these to Sharon.Weller@bethlehemtc.org as this is Sharon's music email and Barbara does not have access to this email. Barbara is the only one who prepares the Star and Bulletin and she shares the admin@bethlehemtc.org email with Sharon.

Share your name please

Some of us are finding that not seeing an entire face and dealing with sunglasses causes us to have more difficulty knowing and calling other BLC members by name. If you enjoy being greeted by name please consider placing your name on your dashboard while drive-through communion is occurring. If you have an extra name tag at home you may want to consider wearing it when green space services occur. And please be sure to wear your name tag when the time comes to re-enter church.

Dear BLC Friends,

I want to thank all of you for the thoughts, cards, kind words and prayers over these last months. Mom missed going to church so much. She loved her church family and she loved getting the cards in the mail.

To all of you that were able to come to her memorial service thank you. It was a most perfect day and she would have loved it! The cookies that were provided by some of you were so appreciated as well.

Gods Blessings.

Love, Janet Denton and Family



STAR delivery

Hasn't it been a blessing to have the STAR delivered to your home the past few months? Thanks so much to 2 cherished members who dedicated their time and monetary donation so this could occur. While we continue to have limited/reduced weekend services the membership committee is proposing the following: The STAR will be available for dispersal the first Sunday of the month. For those of you who can make it to the weekend service you will be asked to pick-up your paper STAR. Or, if you prefer to read yours on-line you will be asked to notify the committee. Committee members will mark off those who have received their STAR so paper copies will only be sent to those who do not have one. This way we can make certain that everyone is receiving all of the Hot-off-the-press news and also do this in the most cost-effective manner. Hope to see as many of you as possible on the first Sunday of the month.

BLC Book Club News

The BLC book club will be meeting by ZOOM on Thursday Oct 27 at 5:30. We will discuss *The Giver of Stars* by Jojo Moyes which is fiction based on the real women who rode horseback to deliver library books in a program developed by Eleanor Roosevelt. If you are not already on the list to receive the ZOOM link just send an email to Cindy Monroe at cmonroe@chartermi.net.



Christian Education News

October 2020



Sunday School:
Although we are not able to hold in-person Sunday School yet, the Christian Education Committee is mailing materials for at-home Sunday School lessons!

If you would like to receive an October packet for your child(ren), please contact Nancy Ammann.

We are fervently praying each and every day for our precious Sunday School children and their families!
May God bless all of you with safety and good health until we can meet again!!
Jesus loves you VERY much, and so do we!!!



October: Pastor Appreciation Month
The Christian Education Committee would like to send warm wishes and our deepest thanks to Pastor Paul for all that he's done to continue BLC's ministry efforts throughout the COVID-19 pandemic!
Not all superheroes wear capes – some wear collars ☐



OCTOBER

WOMEN OF BETHLEHEM - OCTOBER 2020

As this new month of October begins, here are some wishes for you:

May this month bring you satisfaction, peace and joy.

May all the desires of your heart be granted.

May this be the beginning of new things in your life.

Stay strong; be positive; fulfill your dreams.



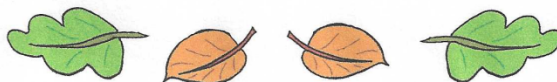
WELCA CIRCLES: A couple of our circles met in September to have a Bible study and just to get a chance to get together! It was great to be with people again and we so look forward to keeping that going.

A STORY OF HOPE: In July three shipping containers of Lutheran World Relief quilts (22,500) and kits (25,250) arrived in the port of Beirut. They were bound to serve more than 24,000 refugees across the region and were awaiting customs clearance. Six days later the devastating ammonium nitrate explosion rocked the port. It killed almost 200 people and injured more than 6000. The loss of these containers was devastating. On August 26th LWR staff received communication that the three containers were in the 'one place' in the port that provided some protection from the blast. They were damaged but not completely destroyed. The containers must be sorted through and assessed for safety. But it does show the grace and mercy of God!

THANK OFFERING WEEKEND: Everything is different this year. We at Bethlehem have cancelled the WELCA Thank Offering Services we normally hold in November. But we can still set aside Thank Offerings. In November the Star will contain an article about Thank Offerings and also an envelope to share in the WELCA ministry.

Blessings Always,

Nancy Ammann, WELCA President





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ELCA GLOBAL LINKS

Stay informed. Be inspired. Get involved.



International Women Leaders Grads: Where They Are Now

Graduates from the International Women Leaders (IWL) program have gone on to use their gifts around the world — from creating a hand-casting business in Suriname to working in migration ministry in Mexico to teaching for a nonprofit in Malaysia.

“I continue to do the work of the ELCA and the IWL program [by using] my gifts and talents,” said IWL scholar Sarah Abendanon. “And I pass it on by helping [my] neighbors wherever I can. No matter where we are and where we are from. We are one.”

The IWL program will welcome five new students to ELCA colleges and universities this coming academic year. The 2020 scholarship awards have been offered to excellent applicants from companion churches in Brazil, Nicaragua, Poland, The Gambia and Zambia. These incoming scholars will join 21 continuing IWL students, as well as 115 other ELCA scholars studying around the world.

Global Service update

The Global Mission unit has prudently decided to delay the sending of new missionaries during 2020, with a few exceptions. The ELCA will continue to send teachers to participate in the Japan ESL (English as second language) Teacher program, and the ELCA will send two Horizon International interns this year to congregations in Argentina and Malaysia. The orientation for new mission personnel was held virtually in July. We ask that you keep all our missionaries and companions in your prayers during this time.

Get Involved

Starting this month, Young Adults in Global Mission (YAGM) alums are raising funds to strengthen the program through the **#YAGMForward campaign**, paying it forward for the next cohort. Your support is especially needed right now. While the pandemic has prevented YAGM from sending volunteers, the work of this vital ministry continues as YAGM country coordinators partner with our global companions in these challenging times. The #YAGMForward campaign runs from Aug. 20 to Jan. 31, 2021, with each country program aiming to raise \$15,000. Give a gift in honor of one of the 10 YAGM country programs today. You may do this through:

https://support.elca.org/site/TR?fr_id=1380&pg=entry

HONORING GOD'S CREATION

SEASON OF CREATION 2020

Renewing, repairing and restoring our commitments to God,
to one another and to all of creation.

Weekly devotions for Sept. 1 through Oct. 4, 2020

SUNDAY, OCT. 4, 2020

**Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton,
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**

+ Pentecost 18 (Lectionary 27)

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 |

Psalms 19 | Philippians 3:4b-14 |

Matthew 21:33-46

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul. Psalm 19:7

In the story of creation God provided a paradise. All of creation was in balance and was a delight. And God set clear boundaries so that balance could be maintained and all created things could flourish. These boundaries provided definition that made possible the amazing diversity of the created world. Far from being a constraint, these boundaries provided freedom and, paradoxically, real connection.

But humankind rebelled and continues to rebel. It is almost as if we view boundaries as an offense and limits as an affront. Creation is ours to use! But that denies the truth that we have this one earth and this one temporal life.

As I write this, we are living in a pandemic. The coronavirus that causes COVID-19 has spread throughout the world, bringing sickness and death. Viruses are strange creatures. They have no nucleus or membrane; they are unable to differentiate like normal healthy cells and are completely dependent on a host cell to survive. They will use up that cell even if it means the death of the host.

So God, through the law, gave us the gift of limits. God is God and we are not. We are responsible to each other. Our actions have consequences. We are not to live as membrane-less viruses.

The law of the Lord is perfect, sure, right, clear, pure and true. It brings wisdom, rejoicing, enlightenment and righteousness.

Creator God, help us to accept your boundaries so that all created things can flourish. Amen.

Suggested hymn: **“Light Dawns on a Weary World”**
(Evangelical Lutheran Worship, 726).

The above is from a devotional from the ELCA, The Episcopal Church, The Anglican Church of Canada and ELCIC. The devotional is found on elca.org – search for “Season of Creation 2020”

Baptism of Audrey Ann Anderson
Daughter of Jennifer & Andrew Anderson
September 27, 2020



Audrey's
dress is a
family dress
from the
late 19th
Century



Health Concerns*



The Power of Prayer

Richard Fernholz, Nancy Smith, Tom Miller, Margie Whitney, Jo Hasse, Ellie Tacke, Bev Attwood, Priscilla Thompson, Julie LaPeer, Marleen Baesch, Alvin Kober,, Lynn Hoyt, Thad Hellenga, Jan Waisanen, Molly Eastman, Harper Wiemerslage, Ben Farley, Jennifer Mowers, John Stretlien, Roy & Marilyn Dumond, Shawn Rivard and Brenda Denoyer

Grand Traverse Pavilions: Bev Attwood

Homebound: Marleen Baesch

Traverse Manor: Margie Whitney, Marinan Bradford

French Manor LaFranier: Jo Hasse

Boardman Lake Glens: Inge Thomas, Bill & Dee Springer

Samaritas (Acme): Priscilla Thompson

Cherry Hill Haven: Jerrie Boike

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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